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SUBJECT: USA- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT: TUNDRA  
ECOSYSTEMS AND THE PERMAFROST ZONE

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. V. D.  
DENISOV, DEPUTY CHIEF, MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY  
OF AGRICULTURE, USSR, MOSCOW I-139, ORLIKOV PER. D. 1/11.  
DETAILS FOLLOWING IN POUCH LETTER.

2. " DEAR DR. DENISOV: GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU. WE  
NEED TO PROCEED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF OUT WORK GROUPS AND THE  
SCHEDULING OF OUR FIRST MEETING. THE USA IS MOST EAGER TO INITIATE  
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THIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND I HOPE WE CAN REACH MUTUAL AGREEMENT SOON.

3. " THE USA WORK GROUP IS AS FOLLOWS: (1) DR. RONALD O. SKOOG, CHAIRMAN, U. S. BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE; (2) HAROLD T. JORGENSEN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, U. S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT; (3) JAMES W. BROOKS, ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME; (4) DR. LESLIE A. VIERECK, U. S. FOREST SERVICE; (5) WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, U. S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE; (6) OSCAR J. FERRIANS, U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY; (7) DR. MAX C. BREWER, ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION; (8) JERRY BROWN, COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY.

4. " I HAVE RECEIVED FROM DR. TALBOT YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECT 2 TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE USSR. ALL OF THESE ALSO ARE OF INTEREST TO THE USA. IN A DETAILED LETTER FOLLOWING SOON WE HAVE OUTLINED ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND TOPICS IN WHICH WE HAVE AN INTEREST. I SUGGEST THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM INTO A FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD PERMIT LONG- TERM COORDINATION AND CORRELATION OF THE TOPICS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON.

5. " UNDER THIS PROPOSED FRAMEWORK, PROJECT 2 ( TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS AND THE PERMAFROST ZONE) WOULD BE SUBDIVIDED INTO TOPIC- AREAS AS INDICATED BELOW. EACH SPECIFIC EXCHANGE- PROJECT AGREED UPON WOULD FALL WITHIN ONE OF THE SIX GROUPINGS.

SUBGROUP 2 A. ECOLOGICAL COMPONENTS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN TUNDRA AND TAIGA ECOSYSTEMS. ( PROJECTS OF APPLIED RESEARCH THAT SEEK TO OBTAIN THE ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR PROPER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.) 2 A/ A. PRODUCTIVITY OF ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES. 2 A/ B. PLANT PRODUCTIVITY AND ECOLOGY. 2 A/ C. ANIMAL PRODUCTIVITY AND ECOLOGY.

SUBGROUP 2 B. EXPLOITATION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN TUNDRA AND TAIGA ECOSYSTEMS. ( PROJECTS CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY AND THE MEANS FOR MITIGATING ADVERSE EFFECTS.) 2 B/ A. LAND- USE PLANNING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. 2 B/ B. EXTRACTION AND CONSERVATION OF NON- RENEWABLE RESOURCES. 2 B/ C. EXPLOITATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

6. " THE FIRST MEETING OF OUR WORK GROUPS IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER, WITH THE USSR VISITING THE USA FIRST. I SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE WORK GROUPS MEET DURING A SIX- WEEK

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PERIOD IN JULY- AUGUST, 1973: THREE WEEKS IN THE USA, FOLLOWED BY THREE WEEKS IN THE USSR, WITH A FINAL SESSION IN MOSCOW TO DECIDE ON SPECIFIC EXCHANGE PROJECTS. SUCH A MEETING WOULD PERMIT BOTH GROUPS TO VIEW EACH COUNTRY AND TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE ONGOING WORK BEFORE THE FINAL DECISIONS ON EXCHANGE PROJECTS ARE MADE.

7. " I AM SUGGESTING TO YOU THAT WE FOLLOW A SCHEDULE SIMILAR TO THAT PRESENTED BELOW. BECAUSE OF POOR WEATHER IN THE NORTH, JULY AND AUGUST PROBABLY ARE THE BEST MONTHS. THE PERMAFROST CONFERENCE IN YAKUTSK MEETS JULY 16-28 , 1973, AND IT WOULD BE BEST TO SCHEDULE AROUND THAT IF POSSIBLE. THESE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS:

A. 26 JUN-28 JUN 73: USSR DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

B. 29 JUN-13 JUL 73: USSR DELEGATION VISITING ALASKA.

C. 14 JUL-16 JUL 73: USSR DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON D. C.

D. 17 JUL-21 JUL 73: BREAK IN SCHEDULE FOR PERMAFROST CONFERENCE.

E. 22 JUL-24 JUL 73: USA DELEGATION IN MOSCOW.

F. 25 JUL- 07 AUG 73: USA DELEGATION VISITING NORTHERN USSR.

G. 08 AUG-11 AUG 73: USA DELEGATION IN MOSCOW.

8. " SO FAR, WE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING ONLY ON A " SENDER PAYS" BASIS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO PAY THE COSTS OF YOUR VISIT HERE. I HOPE THIS PROBLEM DOES NOT HINDER OUR PLANS FOR THE FIRST MEETING.

9. " I WELCOME RECEIVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR PROJECT, AND I WILL TRY TO OBTAIN RAPID DECISIONS AND APPROVALS FROM MY COUNTRY AND TO ANSWER PROMPTLY. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND TO A LONG AND REWARDING ASSOCIATION WITH YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY. SINCERELY, DR. RONALD O. SKOOG, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE ( SE), U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR , WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240." ROGERS

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